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Location

1. The Tancsics Officers' Academy is located in the former Gorgey Engineers Barracks at Szentendre, to the north of Budapest.

Staff

2. The academy is commanded by Colonel Szabó (fnu), a Communist, former millworker. His assistant is Major Gulyás (fnu) an officer of long standing, not a member of the Party, who is kept on the active list because he is a specialist in technical military equipment. Major Stiveg (fnu) is in charge of finances. Training is directed by Captain Vámos (fnu) a member of the Party. Political officer: Captain Kurkovski (fnu).

History

3. a. The academy was opened in 1949-50 with 200 volunteer officer-students of the laboring and peasant classes. Length of the course was one year. At the beginning, the school's equipment was meager, but now it has several shops, including three machine shops, which are utilized in the following courses: mechanics, sheet-metal working, locksmithing, forging, and woodworking.
- b. During 1950-51, a two-year course was added to the one-year course, and the number of students was increased to 300. Because of the lack of volunteers, soldiers were assigned to the academy from the field. Instruction is the same in the two courses. However, those in the one-year course are made section or technical company leaders. (They wear the insignia "P" for pontoon on the sleeve.) Those in the two-year course are made "officer specialists" (szer tisztek) and wear the insignia "T".
- c. Until the fall of 1950 there were 150 civilian specialists working in the training and repair shops. Then 50 carpentry specialists were added because the Ministry of Defense ordered 50,000 wooden crates for antitank mines. The crates were made in the academy's shops and were 40x40x15 cm. At first the woodworking shops made only models to be used in class: miniature trenches, gun emplacements, emergency bridges, etc.

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Courses

4. a. The following courses are given at the academy: Hungarian language, Russian language, geology and astronomy (Captain Zerinvári, member of the Communist Party), mathematics and physics (Major Fizere), geography, electrotechnology (Captain Kiss), engines (First Lieutenant Tumo, Party member), resistance (Szentkúti, a civilian), design (Professor Jaskiewicz, civilian, Party member), fortification and camouflage, explosives, tactics and strategy, stream crossing, chemical warfare equipment, war vessels, political history, economics, health, service rules of conduct, Marxism-Leninism, gymnastics (Major Somos, Party member). A Soviet colonel heads the staff and reviews the courses regularly. A Hungarian Lieutenant is assigned to him as an interpreter.
- b. The following practical courses are conducted outside the classrooms: explosives, tactics, camouflage, fortifications. Four to five hours a week are devoted to shop work, which includes the examination, maintenance, and repair of equipment. The schedules are set up on a weekly basis by the school staff.
- c. Political instruction is broken up into officer cells, student-officer cells, civilian personnel cells, and cells for the 90 enlisted men attached permanently to the school. Each of these cells has a Party secretary. All the political instruction is directed by Major Süveg (fnu).

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